



**TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE
TOWN BULLETIN
MARCH 2007**

TOWN COUNCIL	March 13	Robinson
PLANNING COMMISSION	March 15	Donoghue
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT	NO MEETING	
WABA	March 1	Branum

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COUNCIL BUSINESS: Highlights from the February 13th Council meeting include:

- The Council held a public hearing to discuss possible changes to the Towns' Zoning Code that would (1) allow eaves and smaller chimneys to extend into the setback up to eighteen inches and (2) treat the gross floor area of basement garages in the same manner as basement living space. Sixteen residents appeared at the hearing to comment on the proposed amendments, ten others submitted comments in writing prior to the hearing via email, and five left oral comments by telephone. After hearing from residents, the Council spent a considerable amount of time discussing the merits and drawbacks of the proposed changes. The Council then approved the changes by carried motion. Several members of the Council noted that even though a large numbers of residents stated opposition to these changes, the Council must vote on an informed basis in a manner that is best for the Town as a whole. It was also noted that the Planning Commission had voted unanimously to recommend passage of these changes. For more information on the revised Zoning Code, visit the Town's website at www.beauxarts-wa.gov or contact Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens.
- The Council passed Ordinance No. 350 setting forth the findings of last month's hearing on extending the tree moratorium and laying out the proposed work plan for completing work on a tree management plan before the Moratorium expires in October 2007.
- The Council adopted Resolution No. 235 approving the 2007 Budget and Workplan for ARCH (A Regional Coalition for Housing). ARCH works to develop affordable housing on the Eastside.
- The Council discussed how to proceed with collecting excess charges from holders of building permits as allowed by the Town's Fees Resolution. Councilmember Leider and Clerk-Treasurer Spens will review the situation and proceed to solve it.
- The Council discussed two proposals from parties interested in providing Building Official services to the Town. Councilmember Sharp summarized the qualities of each firm, and the Council authorized him to proceed with contract negotiations.
- Mayor Wells announced that Deputy Clerk Betsy Donworth has tendered her resignation effective

February 28, 2007. Clerk-Treasurer Spens will post a notice on mailstands asking interested parties to apply for the position.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: The next regular Council meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on March 13th at Tom Robinson's house. The Council will be meeting with a representative from the King County Sheriff's Office, Major Dave Germani, who will answer questions about public safety issues in Beaux Arts and the greater Eastside, discuss how the 911 System handles emergency and non-emergency requests, and address any other concerns that the public may have about this topic.

A REMINDER ABOUT STREET LIGHTS: If you have a street light out near your home, please contact PSE directly online at <http://www.pse.com/test/contactforms/streetlight.aspx> or by phone at 425- 452-1234. Before you call, please make a note of the pole number, which is usually eight to twelve digits embossed on a metal strip. You may also contact Clerk-Treasurer Spens at townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov or 425.454.8580 and leave a message giving the exact location of the pole, including the pole number, if possible.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE: The Town of Beaux Arts Village seeks applicants for the following positions:

1. **DEPUTY CLERK:** The Deputy Clerk runs the Town's Building Department, handling all applications for permits and variances, manages all meetings of the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment, and prepares and distributes the monthly newsletter and annual updates to the Town's Green Book directory. This position is budgeted for an average of 13 hours per week and a pay range in 2007 of \$17.00 to \$20.50 per hour, depending on experience. Candidates should have excellent communication and organizational skills as this work is accomplished with limited supervision in an office in the Clerk's home. For a complete job description or more information, contact Clerk-Treasurer Spens at townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov or 425.454.8580.

2. **WATER METER READER:** The Water Meter Reader records the meter readings for each resident of Beaux Arts and gives those readings to the Town Clerk for use in preparing water bills. Meters are read regularly every two months (in February, April, June, August, October, and December) with occasional readings of single meters outside of the normal schedule. The position is budgeted for \$50.00 per billing cycle and usually takes about two hours to complete. Candidates should be at least 10 years old, be physically able to lift meter covers and be willing and able to record accurate readings on a timely and consistent basis. (Parents please note that the contract for fulfilling these duties must be made with you rather than with your minor child.)

NEED TO CONTACT TOWN STAFF?

- Contact **Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens** if you need to speak to someone about issues before the Council, general Town business, or Water-Department concerns. You can reach her by email at townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov, by phone at (425) 454-8580, or by regular mail at 10550 SE 27th Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.
- If you need information, applications, or other assistance with permits, the building department, variances, or issues before the Planning Commission or Board of Adjustment, please contact Clerk-Treasurer Spens while the Town searches for a new Deputy Clerk.
- Contact **Town Marshal Walter Scott** at (425) 454-2573 or **Deputy Marshal Scott Harpster** at (425) 746-0757 to report Blockwatch concerns.